

has been her permanent home from that time until her death. To this union was born twelve children, five boys and seven girls. Of these three have preceded her to the glory world, 9 of whom still survive her and were with her to the last. She united with the Brethren Church in the year 1859, being baptized by Eld. J. W. Brumbaugh. Since that time she has lived an exemplary Christian life. By her prayers and Christian influence, she lived to see her nine surviving children enter the fold of God. For six months she has patiently and meekly borne her affliction of a complication of throat and lung trouble which terminated in her death, Sept. 30. Her husband and children were all richly admonished so to live, that with her, they might enjoy the reward that awaits the faithful. Her last moments were serene and peaceful. Many times during her illness she expressed herself ready and willing to go, desiring rather to be absent from the body and present with the Lord. We had been acquainted with Sister Brumbaugh for over 20 years, which time we were privileged to learn lessons of Christian duties by her faithfulness to her Master. Shortly before her death she was anointed according to James 5: 14. In her departure our beloved Elder Brumbaugh and family have lost a faithful companion and devoted mother. The church will long remember her as one who was willing to bear the cross that she might gain the crown. The funeral we tried to preach, assisted by Elder L. Leren of the Conservative Church, from the words of Paul, II Cor. 5: 8, to a large concourse of sympathizing brethren and friends, on Oct. 1, after which the body was buried in the cemetery near Portis.

W. WOLTERS.

Items of Interest.

—It is stated that in twenty-six years we have collected from the Tariff \$4,300,000. This is a very large sum. Our people have paid to foreigners for foreign shipping about \$4,100,000. The larger part of this large sum of money could have been paid to our own people, and would have been if we had extended the proper Protection to American shipping.

—Shakespeare makes more than 300 references to the Bible.

—Florida will be in the orange market again this fall with 100,000 boxes.

—An oak still living at Tilford, near Farnham, is mentioned in a charter of Henry of Blois under the date of 1250.

—Queen Victoria now rules 367,000,000 people, a greater number than has ever before acknowledged the sovereignty of either a king, queen, or emperor.

—The total number of business failures throughout the United States from January 1 to September 30, 1896, is 11,280, the largest aggregate re-

ported for a like period since records have been compiled.

—Food is served in one of the London restaurants on electrically heated plates, so that the guests can eat leisurely and still have the viands warm until the close of the meal.

—The celebrated rose bush of Hildeheim, Germany, the oldest in the world, is well known by tourists. Charlemagne is said to have planted it more than 1,000 years ago in commemoration of the Embassy received from Haroun al Rashid, the Caliph of the Thousand and one Knights.

—No doubt the most reliable information respecting the age of trees is found in the report of the German Forestry Commission, published some years ago. This assigns to the pine an age of 500 to 700 as a maximum; 425 years to the silver fir, 275 years to the larch, 245 years to the red beech, 210 years to the aspen, 200 years to the birch, 170 years to the ash, 145 years to the alder, and 130 years to the elm.

—A mathematician has computed the movement of a rider's feet while working a bicycle, and has demonstrated the fact that it requires less exertion to travel fifteen miles on a bicycle than to walk three miles.

—The well-known chimney of the Shell Foundry at Woolwich Arsenal is 223 feet 9 inches above the ground, with 16 feet of brickwork below, making 239 feet 9 inches above the bed of concrete. The base above the ground is 20 feet square, with plinth and cornice 27 feet high, on which the octagonal shaft is erected. It is 16 feet 9 inches at the base, and 6 feet 6 inches at the top. The Portland stone cap weighs about 17 tons.

—It is stated that Allegheny, Pa., has a 7-year-old girl whose entire vocabulary consists of the word "Nit." She has never been able to talk, but somehow has picked up that one word and repeats it on every opportunity, being apparently very proud of her ability to speak it.

—The Chicago Armenian committee reports that it has collected and sent \$13,000 to the international committee at Constantinople for distribution.

—It is said that Herman Cramer, of San Francisco, has sued the Singer Sewing Machine Co., for \$5,000,000 for infringing his patents.

—A careful record kept at Yale for eight years shows that non-smokers are twenty per cent. taller, twenty-five per cent. heavier and have sixty per cent. more lung capacity than smokers. A recent graduating class at Amherst presented a similar difference in favor of non-smokers who had gained in weight twenty per cent. over the smokers, and in height thirty-seven per cent., and also exceeded them in lung capacity.

—In England an effort has been made to have an expression of public opinion in regard to Turkish atrocities. The Government declares, and it is supported by the press and the people, that England alone can do nothing. A letter has been written by Lord Cecil, son of Lord Salisbury, in which he warned the Armenians not to rely upon England alone.

—Several of the English papers are urging England, United States and Italy to unite in attacking the Sultan. But Russia and Germany would not allow that without a general war, and the United States must not forget Washington before they enter into entangling alliances and go to war in Europe. Other papers are advising that Russia be offered Constantinople in case she will keep the peace there. Meanwhile the great silent power of the north says nothing.

Literary Notes.

FAMILY ALTARS FORSAKEN.

That there has been a great falling off in the good old custom of daily family worship, there can be no doubt. Just how much of this deplorable condition is due to the difficulty of hastily selecting Scriptural passages suited to the service, it might be difficult to determine. But fully persuaded that this is an obstacle of considerable moment, Sylvanus Stall, D. D., a careful Bible student and author of several valuable books, has been making a thorough study of the Scriptures, and after some three years' work has selected a series of 365 devotional readings from Genesis to Revelation, and in a few days the Funk & Wagnalls Company of New York will issue them in a neat dollar volume. The selections are about twenty-five verses in length, printed from the King James Version, but in paragraphs as in the Revised Version. Difficult proper names are pronounced, the poetical parts are in verse, and the four gospels are arranged in one continuous narrative. The book will have several other valuable features, and promises to be of special service not only for family worship, but for chapel services in colleges, for use in opening devotions in the public schools, and also for use of young people in the Endeavor and other societies, who have covenanted to read a portion of the Bible each day.

A charmingly written article on "Cardinal Richelieu," by James Breck Perkins in the October *Chautauquan*, does much to sustain the high intellectual standard of the magazine. The effective illustrating of "A Group of Eminent French Women," by Eugene L. Didier reflects credit on the editorial management of that valuable monthly. Of startling interest is the paper on "The Opium Traffic in California," by Frederick J. Masters. It is accompanied by flashlight views of opium dens in Chinatown and is a forcible protest against our national crime of legalized opium selling. A delightful writer on literary subjects is Prof. W. M. Baskerville, of Vanderbilt University, who in a paper on "Joel Chandler Harris" pleasantly recalls the familiar characters and the genial personality of America's famous writer of the negro dialect. Prof. W. G. Sumner, of Yale University, presents convincing arguments on "The Single Gold Standard," and Gen. James B. Weaver, Populist candidate for governor in '92, treats in a telling manner "The Free Coinage of Silver."

Beginning with the October number of the "*Pulpit Herald and Altruistic Review*" was changed to the simpler and more popular title, "*The Twentieth Century Monthly*." The publishers have adopted the new name to properly express the energetic and up-to-date spirit that characterizes it, which is certainly in keeping with the same spirit of progression and push that characterizes the generation with which it shall enter the coming twentieth century.

This magazine has a list of contributors of which the publishers are justly proud and among the timely articles that will appear in the coming issues are the "The Politics of the Twentieth Century," "The Standard of Settlements of the Twentieth Century," "The Woman of the Twentieth Century," "The Rulers of the Twentieth Century," etc.; also many attractive Character Sketches of the most prominent men and women of our country. In addition to these articles there will be a series of "Stories in a Nutshell." F. W. Clement & Co., Publishers, Association Bldg., Chicago.